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We dined tonight with Baba Metcalfe, at 65 Eaton Place. She has beautiful furniture and objects of art. The others ~~there~~ were the Kilmuirs, Peter Thorneycroft, John Russell, and his wife, the John Keswicks, ~~and~~ Kitty and Frank Giles. John had lately been in Peking. He discounted Joe Harsch's idea, expressed to me today, that following the Party Congresses in Peking and Moscow on March 5, there would be a definite break between the two countries. The Giles have just returned from the United States. Frank is enthusiastic over the New Frontiersmen, and has considerably modified his somewhat critical customary views on American foreign policy. Carla ~~Miss~~ Thorneycroft and I both had birthdays today.

February 13, 1962 - Tuesday

Much time is taken in an Embassy in discussing current problems with members of the staff. Lewis Jones comes in each morning with a summary of matters requiring early attention. For example, today, after seeing him, I talked to Don Smith about a letter to be written, requiring permission for the American Womens Club of London to rent premises on Portland Place. Elim O'Shaughnessy has just returned from home leave, so I told him about some of the political things that took place here during his absence. General Brown came in to talk to me about making a speech, Bill Clark about arranging entertainment for British newspaper correspondents. And so it goes every day.

I had Dick Ellis and Montgomery Hyde for lunch at the office. ~~They are~~ collaborating on a book to be called "The Quiet Canadian". This will be in effect the story of Sir William Stephenson and his British security organization in the Western Hemisphere that did such magnificent work during the war. ~~They have~~ asked me to write the fo word, which I am delighted to do. Both these men seem to be as familiar with strange places in Asia, as they are with the London streets. Dick, especially, is a mine of information on little known countries and places.

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September 19, 1979

Mr. Frank Machak
Chief of Documents and Reference
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Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr. Machak:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act as amended.

I am requesting access, for the purpose of a scholarly book I am writing, of the diaries of David K. E. Bruce for the period 1951-1974 and any related records. I believe that the amended act provides that if some portions of the diaries are exempt from access to scholars, the remainder will be made available. It also seems to me that this request fits the category of "furnishing information which can be considered as primarily benefiting the public," and so I hope we can work this out, at last, with some efficiency.

As provided for in the amended Act, I will expect to receive a reply within ten working days. If some of the material has already been cleared, I'd appreciate a chance to look at that. My telephone number is 609-737-1950, at Temple University, 215-787-1802.

Sincerely,

Joan Mellen

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